MRS. SANTA CLAUS ON HAND TO GREET "LOST" CHILDREN

Mrs. Margaret Cooper, City Hall Matron, Takes Care of Little Ones Who Stray From Mothers.

Mrs. Santa Claus has established temporary headquarters in the Central Police Station at City Hall. Several children discovered this secret when they became lost from their parents while visiting the toy stores in the central section today. A big scon, and sent them to the headquarters of the matron, Mrs. Margaret Cooper.

The kindly matron pacified the young sters in this manner: "Don't cry, dearle; while you are waiting for mamma you may have a nice candy cane. Now let me tell you who I am. I'm Mrs. Santa Claus, and if you stop crying I'll tell Mr. Santa Claus to bring you nice toys. What do you want?"

Her charges recited names of enough boys to fill three good-sized stores.
"Oh, you must not be greedy," admonished Mrs. Santa Claus. "Now of all the nice things you have named, which do you want the most?" Several minutes of silence ensued, and finally a youngster of 4 years said hesitatingly:

"Please, Mrs. Santa Claus, if I can't have all I want, can you ask Santa to bring me a nice automobile?" "Certainly." Just then came a knock

"Certainly." Just then came a knock on the door. A woman entered.
"My name is Mrs. Blank. Is my boy—Irwin!" she cried. And the next moment the child was pressed to his mother's breast and kissed and fondied until he appealed to Mrs. Santa Claus.
Then the matron helped him into his overcoat and Irwin departed with a thankful mamma. Before they left the mother told the matron how thankful she was, and requested her name.
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"Don't you believe me? Look at all
those candy canes she has, and look at
all the nice dolls and toys. Oh, you
can't fool me, mamma—that's Mrs. Santa Claus, and she will tell her husband to bring me an auto," Irwin was dragged into the elevator, re-

luctant to leave.
Within the next hour, other children were claimed by their parents, and each one, boy or girl, left with a candy cane

one, boy or girl, left with a candy cane and a toy.

When the last one entered the elevator Mrs. Cooper heaved a sigh of relief.

"I get this every year," she said. "The parents bring their children down to see Santa Chus and the toys in the big stores, and in the twinkling of an eye the earer youngsters are lost in the eager youngsters are lost in the

ing the 14 days before Christmas."

NO TRACE OF CRACKSMEN WHO ROBBED TOY STORE

Police Believe Yeggmen Were Those Warned of Some Time Ago.

New York.

The robbery was discovered yesterday when Henry G. Schwartz, one of the proprietors, visited the store. He found a number of neatly arranged piles of checks and foreign coins on a counter, proving that the burglars were taking no chances on anything which might lead to their detection.

LIGHT XMAS TREE TONIGHT

Camden's Great Evergreen Will Blaze for First Time.

The monster Christmas tree which has been erected on the plaza of the Camden Courthouse will be lighted for the first time tonight. City Electrician Kelly has wired the 60-foot evergreen with hun-dreds of varicolored electric lights, and these, together with the many other descrations which have been hung, will make a spectacle sellipsing all previous afforts of the kind in Camden.

\$8000 MORE TO PAY DEBTS

Councils to Be Asked to Cancel Bills for Labor Convention.

Another of the so-called "moral obligaanother of the se-caned moral oringa-tions" for expenditure of the city's reve-nues will comes before Councils as an \$5000 supplement to the \$55,000 appropria-tion made by Councils for proper cutar-tainment of the designates to the con-vention of the American Federation of Labor recently held here.

The original appropriation provided for the erection of the "Court of Honor" on Broad street, rent of Horticultural Hall. where the convention was held, printing, cost of theatre tickets, dinners and dancing. The supplemental appropriation that will be asked includes an item of 4750 for ringside tickets at fights held at the Olympia, with other expenditures for badges, bands, decorations and electrical supplies.

CONGRESSMAN HIT BY CAB

Representative Bothermel, of Read-

ing, Injured in This City. ing, Injured in This City, READING, Pa., Dec. 31.—Struck by a taxi cab while going from the Pennsylvania Broad Street Station to the Reading Terminal in Philaddiphia, Sunday hight, Congressman John H. Rothermel, of the Berke-Lehigh District, found upon his arrival liero that he had suffered injuries which may cause him to spend his Caristmas vacation in bed.

Mr. Rothermel was knocked down by a cab going in the wrong direction. He suffered a bedly sprained ankle and marnerous body contunions.

STEAMBHIPS

BERMUDA SPECIAL NHAS TOUR

this deligated telenal resist by magnificent essentially "HERM UPLAN" \$45.50

COAL MEN MAY BRING \$10,000,000 IN SUITS

Confinued from Page One 10,000 to 15,000 tons of coal on hand on which they had paid the present high

which they had paid the present high rates.

When the cut of 40 cents a ton becomes effective the small dealers who buy a carload of coal at a time will be able to offer the benefit of the low rate to the consumer without loss. Large dealers who compete with them will have to stand the loss of that amount per ton until they can obtain reparation by means of suits.

of suits.

An official of one of the largest coal companies in the city said today, when saked what he thought of suits, that reparation for a period of six years would "break the railroads." He declined to go into details or to say whether his firm will begin suit. will begin sult.

CITY BIDS POSTPONED.

The first active step to gain advantage of the decision was taken by Herman Loeb, Director of the Department of Supplies, who postponed the opening of policeman said they would find mamma bids for more than \$1.000,000 worth of coal for the city from December 22 to December 24. This will give dealers time to reduce their estimates.

> Coal men today are discussing the possibility of the Government eventually ordering a cut in the freight rates on coal passing through this city. That part of these rates covering the distance between the mines and Philadelphia pro vided the basis for the action resulting in the present decision, being consider-ably lower than the rates for shipments

> that end here. Should the Government order a cut in the through rates, they again will become so much lower than the new rates to this city that action before the State Commission for another reduction in the local rate is possible.

A surprising statement was made by Harold S. Shertz, one of the two attorneys who fought the case to a successful conclusion. He expressed the opinion that the railroads will not attack the constitutionality of the commission or its acts, and declared that at the time the suit was started the Readthe time the suit was started the Reading business department wanted to grant a slight decrease in the rates.

grant a slight decrease in the rates.
According to Mr. Sherts, this department was overruled by the legal department, which insisted on fighting the case before the commission. The Pennsylvania Railroad also advised that a cut be made in the hard coal rate, it is said, but followed the Reading when that road insisted on contesting the action.

A saving of \$1,500,000 by Philadelphia coal consumers will be brought about by the decision, it is estimated. Philadelphians buy about 4,000,000 tons

of coal each year, and the saving, should it ever reach the consumer, will be about \$1,500,000. Some doubt as to whether the consumer will get the benefit of the cut in rates already has been expressed. It has been suggested that the coal mining companies may increase prices of coal at the mines. Retallers also have been talking this winter of a 25-cent-a-ton in-crease, and should these be made the 40-cent rate cut will be worth nothing to the consumer.

WOULD FIGHT INCREASE AT MINES "I have five dozen candy canes and five pounds of cardy on hand two weeks before Christmas, for I figure during the shopping rush about 60 children will be lost before Christmas. Fve had eight years' experience here, so I can approximate the number of losts we have during the should an effort be made to cheat the public out of the rate decrease.

Pennsylvania's coal fields are in three great districts, Schuylkill, Lehigh and Wyoming. The Philadelphia and Reading and its subsidiaries control most of the hard coal traffic to this city, but the Pennsylvania Railroad also has a good share. Rates on both roads from Detectives are bending every effort to overtake the crackemen who blew the safe in the store of the G. A. Schwarts toy store, 1005 Chestnut street, and escaped with nearly \$1000 in cash. So neatly was the job done that the police acknowledge they have not the slightest clue upon which to work. From the Lehigh region the Reading rate has been \$1.86 a ton on prepared. \$1.56 on pea and \$1.41 on steam sizes, while the Pennsylvania rate has been \$1.75 on The remayivania rate has been \$1.75 on prepared, \$1.45 on prepared, \$1.45 on prepared, \$1.45 on pea and \$1.30 on steam sizes. The Wyoming rate on the Readsome time ago. It was then said the band was on its way to Philadelphia from pea and \$1.54 on steam sizes, and the panyivania rate has been \$1.75 on pea and \$

Pennsylvania rate from this region \$1.80 on prepared, \$1.50 on pea and \$1.35 on steam sizes.

Under the ruling of the Public Service Commission, pea and steam sizes will go for the same rate. Each rate named is ordered reduced by 40 cents a ton. The complainants asked for larger reductions

in price from \$2 to \$200.

BLECTRIC TOASTER
ELECTRIC CHAPING DISH
ELECTRIC SHAVING MIRBOR
ELECTRIC CUBLING IRON
ELECTRIC VIBRATOR
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nd A. Lee Co., 1716 Sensons

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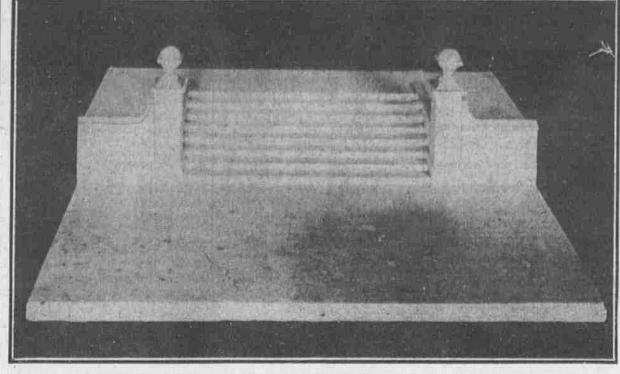
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Edward A. Wingand & Co., 1815 Germantowo Avenue
Wright & Wright, 1930 W. Sunquohanna Avenue

DESIGN FOR NEW ENTRANCES TO INDEPENDENCE SQUARE



Plans adopted by the Committee on Preservation of Historic Monuments call for the removal of the stone walls on the south, east and west sides of the square and the substitution of walls of old Colonial brick work. The main entrances, however, will not be disturbed.

points, especially New England. Hereto fore, New England shipments have cost much less for that part of the carry from 15e Pennsylvania fields to this port.

OPENING OF \$1,000,000 CITY COAL BIDS IS POSTPONED

Action has been postponed by Director Loeb on the opening of bids for city coal aggregating more than \$1,000,000 be-cause of the cut in freight rates on coal ordered by the Public Service Commis-

Following a conference with the City Solicitor as to the advisability of post-poning action on the bids so that the city might benefit under the new rates. the Director sent the following letters to all prospective bidders.

SERVIA GREETS TOY SHIP

Last of American Good Cheer for Warring Peoples.

SALONIKA, Dec. 21. - The Christmas ship Jason has completed its long voyage from America to the various ports of Europe and the last of the gifts for the children of the warring nations of Europe are being unloaded here today. The gifts put ashore at Salonika will be distributed to the orphaned and homeless children of Secular and racial differences were for

gotten here yesterday when the Christ-mas ship arrived. Two thousand Moslem mas ship arrived. Two thousand moselm and Christian school children were gathered on the wharf, singing and cheering.

John Kohl, American Consul General in Greece, and Lewis Haskell, Consul General in Servia, boarded the Jason, where they were received by Lieutenant Commander Courtney. The American Commander Courtney. The American naval officer formally turned over the remainder of his unique cargo to the Consul Generals.

BOYS HELD FOR THEFT

Companions Under Bail, Accused of Robbery of Watch and Money.

"Please, Judge, don't keep us jugged over Christmas," pleaded Philip Gerber, a 15-year-old lad, who, with Meyer Rosenfelt. 2 years older, appeared before Magfeit, 2 years older, appeared before Mag-istrate Carson today, accused of having broken into the home of Samuel Berlin, 319 Kater street, and stolen \$22 and a gold watch from his pockets while he slept.

Rosenfelt was arrested in his home, and taken to a cell after Berlin had recognized a knife left in his house as one which he had seen in use by the boys. Gerber and Rosenfelt said they had used the knife, but had thrown it away for the same rate. Each rate named is ordered reduced by 40 cents a ton. The complainants asked for larger reductions in nearly every instance, but are satisfied with the ruling of the commission.

The reduction will more nearly equalize rates to this city and rates to other

CIVIL SERVICE TEST

Clerk in Mayor's Office Leads Competitors in Examination.

Miss Mary E. Keenan, a stenographer and clerk in Mayor Blankenburg's office, at a present salary of \$1000 a year, leads an eligible list of eight women for appointment as stenographer and clerk at from \$1200 to \$1500 a year. The list was listed by the Civil Service Commission today.

Highway Bureau, at \$100 a year, in fourth. The complete list with the averages of each eligible is an follows:

STENOGRAPHER AND CLERK (WOMEN).

Mary E. Keenan, a stenographer and clerk at Many E. Keenan, 01.28

Mary F. Griffiths 95.72

Final D. Hoss 95.73

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Final D. Hos Miss Maud Sharpless, an assistant clerk

STORE OPENS 8:30 A. M. AND CLOSES AT 6 P. M.

shake hands with all.

We've never sold so many toys—yet there is a splendld assortment from which to choose, just as we planned to have, so as no little one would be disappointed on Christmas Morn through any fault of ours.

in the Department of Public Works, at a present salary of \$1200, is second. Esta D. Hess, at present employed in the

Highway Bureau, at \$1100 a year, is

SENATORS "SANDBAG" TWO PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES

One Nomination Held Up and Another Rejected by Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. M .- The Senate Judiciary Committee this afternoon, at the request of Senator Reed, of Missouri, postponed action on the nomination of Ewing C. Bland, of Kansas City, for United States Marshal for the western district of Missouri.

A subcommittee reported unfavorably on President's Wilson's nomination of Frederick L. Siddons for Judge of the Supreme Court for the District of Co-

This action postponed the fight which the patronage dispute between the President and the Senate which it is declared will result in a split in the Democratic party if the Chief Executive insists upon appointing men without the advice and consent of individual Senators.

Attendants at the mission say many fight valiantly their one-sided battle of life before asking charity, but after a substantial meal they are ready to start out again making the rounds for work.

Bridgeport Bars to Close Christman.

ive civilized tribes in Oklahoma.

600 IN BREAD LINE

Shivering Men Ask Charity at Leas-

much Mission. much Mission.

Cold, shivering and wet from the driaging rain, more than 500 men, many of whom had never asked for chartly he fore, were forced to the wall' this morning and reached with easier hands for the half a loaf of bread and our of coffee given to them in the bread line at the Insamuch Mission.

Some "bread-liners" have from constitutions, which are just beginning to tell of the strain of hardship. They may gather their torn clothing about them in fair weather, even against the coal winds, but the rain, sleet and ice, damper.

winds, but the rain, sleet and ice, damp-ens their souls as well as their bodies they may.

Named for Indian Superintendent
Washington, Dec. 31.—President
Wilson today sent to the Senate the
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We have a large selection of Ferns, Palms, Rubber Plants, Cyclamen in bloom, Etc., that will make beautiful gifts, prices moderate, HOLLY WREATHS. 20c each; \$2.00 dozen LOOSE HOLLY 25c and 50c bunch; \$5.00 case LAUREL WREATHING. Prices according to quantity purchased GREEN MOSS. 35c peck. 75c bushel POP CORN, (white rice) 10c lb.; 3 lbs., 25c

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518 Market Street, Philadelphia

= MAIL OR PHONE ORDERS FILLED =

Welcome to Toyland HATS TRIMMED FREE OF CHARGE

Is the message that our Santa Claus sends forth to the kiddies-and he is waiting to

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Eighth Filbert Seventh 5-lb. Boxes Assorted Choco- \$1.25 lates and Bon Bons, special... 25c Bons, 1-lb. boxes, special... 25c Princess Lillian Chocolates and Bon Bons, 60e value, lb. ... 39c In 1-lb., 2-lb., 3-lb. and 5-lb. boxes, 4-lb. Box of Chocolates and Bon 15c Hens, in holly boxes, special, box 15c SPECIAL CANDY FOR CHILDREN 40c Pure, Dainty Tid-Bits 29c

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\$8 to \$14 Ribbon Fobs,

\$5.98 to \$10.98 With solid gold mountings, buckles or

\$4.50 to \$9 Bangle Bracelets,



Men's \$7 to \$12 Rings, \$4.98 to \$9.98 Solid gold; signet and gypsy set-tings; plain and engraved de-

\$4.98 to \$25

Men's \$2 to \$12 Cuff Links,
In rope or link; for coats with lapel buttons; Waldemar chains to be worm across the vest or regular single or double vest chains with bars.

Men's \$2 to \$12 Cuff Links,
\$1.50 to \$9.98

Solid gold; variety of designs; for gravings or engine turning. All with compartments for coins, powder, cards and mirror.

Men's \$7 to \$30 Solid Gold Chains,

\$2.98 to \$6.98 Solid gold; plain or engraved designs. Square or round effects.

Expansion bracelets with watches—gold filled, sterling silver enameled and solid gold. All with guaranteed movements. \$1.98 to \$8.98 Vanity Cases,

\$12 to \$50 Bracelet Watches,

\$9.98 to \$45

\$1.50 to \$5 Pearl Bead Necklaces, 98c to \$3.98

Best quality pearls with high lined box, Regular \$5 .98 to \$15 to \$10 to

The Sale Fur Sales This year

It Offers Advantage of January Clearance Prices Now

Hence the values are as good as any that we can hope to offer—even later on. Choose now and enjoy them for the Holidays. Some of the Savings Amount to Half of the Actual Value-Yet We Guarantee the Quality of Every Piece

\$45 Russian Pony Coats, \$29.75 Handsome new models made of fine chapelle-dyed skins, in three-quarter length, with skunk raccoon, intural fitch or civet cat collar, and fine Skinner's satin lining.

\$175 Hudson \$100 | \$40 Peny \$25 Seal Coat ... \$70 | \$50 French \$50 Seal Coat ... \$70 | \$50 French \$50 Seal Coat ... \$50 Seal Coat ... \$250 coat (Fitch Trimmed) Coat (Fitch Trimmed) thibet shawl collar ... size Natural Fitch Set, lined \$67.50

Beautiful Sample Sets, Only one of a Kind \$150 Cross Fox \$80 | S50 Japanese \$30 Set | Mink set | S45 Fox Set | \$100 Set | Set | S45 SECOND FLOOR

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35c Ribbed Silk Lisle Stockings, 25e

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Women's \$1 & \$1.25 79c

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Indian Moccasins

98c, \$1.25 and \$1.49 Women's "Lenards," \$3 Patent coltakin, gun-matal calf and glazed kidskin; duit leather and black cloth tops; tipped or plain toes. Sizes 2% to z, widths A to E.

Men's Slippers Men's \$3 Slippers, \$2.50 Women's \$2.50 & \$3

Shoes, \$1.98 Patent coltakin, gun-metal calf and glased kidskin. Siras 214 to 8.

Men's \$3.50 to \$6 Shoes, \$2.60 ather and black cloth tops;
pped or plain toes. Sizes \$\frac{1}{2}\$;
\$\text{x}\$, widths \$\text{A}\$ to \$\text{E}\$.

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GLOVES OF THE BEST KINDS

Fownes' Famous Gloves Womens Kid \$1.50 Gloves Round seam and pique sewn. Two-class. Paris point and flat backs. Black, white and colors. Self and contrasting backs. Dag-mar & Eugente brands.

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\$2.98

Women's Long White Kid Gloves \$2.50 Value \$2 | \$3.50 Val. \$2.50 l2-button 2.50 Children's \$1 Lined Kid Gloves, 75c

Men's \$2 Genuine Mocha, \$1.50 \$1.50 French Kid Gloves, \$1 Fine gray Mocha gloves; one-clasp. Women's two-clasp; black, white, PIRST FLOOR, STH & MARKET colors.

50c Salt

& Pepper

Shakers,

Euch 25c

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